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SUBJECT: BRANDT'S SEPTEMBER 12 PRESS CONFERENCE

CHANCELLOR BRANDT COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST:

1. EXPORTS. ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES, BRANDT SAID THAT GERMANY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN ENTERING A GENERAL COMPETITION ON THE CONDITIONS OF EXPORT CREDITS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE AND THE US. THE GENERAL PROBLEM FOR THE FRG WAS TOO MUCH RATHER THAN TOO LITTLE EXPORT. THERE WAS AT MOST A GERMAN INTEREST IN FURTHERING EXPORTS IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC SECTORS.

2. OFFSET. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER HE
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INTENDED DURING HIS TRIP TO UNGA IN NEW YORK TO GO ALSO

TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSION OF OFFSET, THE CHANCELLOR SAID THIS WAS NOT A SUBJECT FOR HIM. NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDER WAY, THE FRG HAD SHOWN MUCH GOOD WILL, AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES COULD BE FOUND.

3. OTHER PLANS IN US. BRANDT SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR ANY PURPOSE BUT HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH DR. KISSINGER IN NEW YORK. HE ALSO INTENDED TO TRAVEL TO CHICAGO AND TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN ASPEN, COLORADO, MEETING "WITH INTERESTING PEOPLE."

4. CHILE. BRANDT SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS "DEEPLY DISTURBED" OVER THE FALL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CHILE AND SAW RATHER STRONG TENDENCIES TOWARD CIVIL WAR.

5. OSTPOLITIK. CONCERNING THE PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRAGUE FOLLOWING THE POSTPONEMENT OF HIS PLANNED TRIP THERE, BRANDT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES WOULD BE RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN. HE WAS NOT UPSET BY THE RIGID POSITION TAKEN BY THE CZECHS, SINCE WHAT WAS INVOLVED HERE WAS "NOT A MATTER OF EMOTION BUT OF OBJECTIVE POLICY." IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE FRG TO ALLOW ITSELF TIME, AND THIS WENT FOR BUDAPEST AND SOFIA AS WELL AS PRAGUE.

6. DETENTE. REFERRING TO THE PERSECUTION OF INTELLECTUALS IN THE USSR, BRANDT SAID ONE SHOULD NOT CONFUSE RELATIONS TOWARD OTHER STATES WITH CONDITIONS IN THOSE STATES. HE WOULD FAVOR DETENTE EVEN IF STALIN WERE STILL AT THE HELM IN MOSCOW. IN THIS CONNECTION, BRANDT REFERRED TO DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IN ANY EVENT, THE CSCE WOULD PROCEED, AND THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE, ALONG WITH ITS ALLIES, TO PRESS THERE FOR IMPROVED EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS.

7. POLICY TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE. BRANDT SAID HE
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HAD NEVER HAD DISAGREEMENTS WITH SCHEEL IN THIS AREA. THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT LAST YEAR'S SUMMIT CONFERENCE REMAINED VALID. A STAGE OF CONSOLIDATION HAD BEEN REACHED, EVEN THOUGH THE ECONOMIC AND CURRENCY UNION WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER ITS SECOND PHASE ON JANUARY 1. THE EXPECTED INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS IN THIS AREA. PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AT THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS

IN COPENHAGEN. THE CONTOURS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
SHOULD BE VISIBLE BY THE END OF 1975.

8. US TROOPS. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS,
BRANDT REFERRED TO THE STATED POSITION OF THE US
GOVERNMENT AGAINST UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS. HE SAID HE
WAS AWARE OF THE DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE US BUT
EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD STICK
BY ITS COMMITMENT.
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